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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION AND FUTURE WORK

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

The present document contains the draft provisional agenda and lists the documentation required for the forty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. In section II of the document, the Commission is invited to consider the provisional timetable suggested to permit consideration of all agenda items in the time allocated to the regular segment of its forty-first session.

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I. DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

1. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-first session will need to act again not only as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council and the governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), but also as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in 1998. Preparations for the special session will be further advanced and the Commission will need more time to review proposals to be transmitted to the Assembly. In order to have sufficient time to carry out that function, the Commission will probably have to limit its activities as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council to its treaty obligations (reviewing the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and possibly the question of scheduling substances) and to limit its activities as the governing body of UNDCP to the necessary administrative, budgetary and programmatic issues, including UNDCP activities and policy directives and inter-agency matters.*

2. The draft provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Commission therefore reflects the need to limit the number of agenda items to be considered at that session. The Commission may also wish to decide that, at its forty-first session, it should devote five days of its eight-day session to acting as preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in 1998. The draft provisional agenda proposed below is thus based on the assumption that the regular segment of the session will last three days.

3. In view of the restricted time-frame for the regular segment of its forty-first session, it is further suggested that the Commission should consider the possibility of adopting draft decisions or resolutions only on possible scheduling of substances under the international drug control treaties and, if required, on administrative and budgetary matters. All other issues that need to be dealt with by formal decision or resolution could be linked to various substantive matters to be examined during the five-day special segment of that session.

4. Finally, in order to liberate resources for use during the special segment of the forty-first session of the Commission, it is proposed that no Committee of the Whole should be established for the regular segment of that session. The resources thus freed, which would amount to eight 3-hour meetings with interpretation in all six official languages of the United Nations, could then be used for such ad hoc working groups or other special meetings as the Commission may decide during the special segment.

5. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1), the Secretariat submits to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs the following draft provisional agenda for its forty-first session, together with an indication of the documents for its consideration in respect of each agenda item:

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*At its thirty-ninth session, the Commission agreed on a draft provisional agenda that reflected a proposal by its Chairman to consider as an agenda item in odd years the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex) and in even years the implementation, review and updating of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control. Since there is also a connection between policy directives given to UNDCP and inter-agency matters, it is proposed that, at its forty-first session, the Commission should also examine the implementation, review and updating of the System-Wide Action Plan.

Draft provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda

3. Policy issues for action by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme.

Documentation

Activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme: report of the Executive Director

4. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:

(a) International Narcotics Control Board;

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1997

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1997 on the implementation of article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988

(b) Changes in the scope of control of substances;

Documentation

[Report of the Secretary-General (as necessary)]

(c) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.

Documentation

[Note by the Secretariat (as necessary)]

5. Monitoring of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and other coordination matters.

Documentation

Coordination of drug control activities within the United Nations system: note by the Secretariat

6. Administrative and budgetary matters.

Documentation

[Note by the Executive Director (as necessary)]

7. Provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission and future work.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat

8. Other matters.

Documentation

[Note by the Secretariat (as necessary)]

9. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-first session.

II. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

6. The following timetable, which is subject to approval by the Commission, was drawn up by the Secretariat on the assumption that as soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been finished, the following one will be taken up, time permitting.

Tuesday, 24 January 1998

1054th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 1. Election of officers
	Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 3. Policy issues for action by UNDCP
1055th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 3. Policy issues for action by UNDCP (continued)
	Item 5. Monitoring of the System-Wide Action Plan and other coordination matters

Wednesday, 25 January 1998

1056th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4 (a). Report of INCB for 1997
1057th meeting 3-6 p.m.	Item 4 (a). Report of INCB for 1997 (continued)
	Items 4 (b) and (c). Changes in the scope of control of substances and other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

Thursday, 26 January 1998

1058th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 6. Administrative and budgetary matters
	Item 7. Provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission and future work
	Item 8. Other matters
1059th meeting 3-6 p.m.	Adoption of draft resolutions and decisions
	Item 9. Adoption of the report of the Commission